

LITTLE BUT BRAVE. Noble Example of Courage in the Act of a Frenchman in the

Union Army. When the first call was made for volunteers in 1861 there was a little man named Gabriel Netter engaged in business at Cromwell, Ky. He closed up his shop and entered the union army as a captain in the Twenty-sixth Kentucky, where he so distinguished himself as to attract the attention of the governor, who commissioned him colonel and authorized him to recruit a regiment to be called the Thirty-eighth Kentucky mounted infantry. He first established his camp at Hartford, but soon afterwards removed to Owensboro, Ky.

where the writer joined the command. That he was as brave as "Marshal Ney" himself went without saying, and the general opinion was that he was as reckless too. I soon became convinced, however, that that was a mistaken notion. From personal experience and observation I formed for myself the opinion that both his acts and words proved that he was possessed of good judgment and sound discretion, as well as unquestioned courage. Netter was at this time about 26 years of age, rather below the medium size, but well formed with fair complexion, of neat appearance, faultless in apparel, and as polite as the proverbial "French dancing master." Had his life been spared he would have achieved honor and distinction for himself, and glory for his adopted coun-

Though he was a strict disciplinarian. and wanted his men to look and act as soldiers, he treated them with great kindness, and was ever solicitous both for their welfare and their comfort. In his disposition, gentleness and firmness were mingled together in about equal proportions.

Our camp was at the old fair grounds, but a short distance from the western suburbs of the town. At this time we had about 500 names on the rolls of all the different embryo companies; but as the chief business in hand was that of recruiting, both officers and privates were allowed to go wherever there was . chance to bring in another recruit, 40 that not more than half of the men

were in camp at any one time.
This was the condition of affairs at The camp when at an early hour on the morning of September 19, 1862, while 4 dense fog covered the earth, we re seived information that confederate eavalry, numbering about 800 men, had made a forced march by traveling all night, and now occupied the town.

Our morning meal was indefinitely postponed, and we at once began to make hasty preparations for our first light. While our colonel was busily enraged in getting his men into proper position he received further informaion that a portion of the enemy was concealed in the woods west of our position, ready to pounce upon the camp and take possession as soon as he should leave it to attack the force in town, as they confidently expected him

So he decided to reconnoiter in that direction first. He started with his entire command, except our company composed of about 25 men and a small squad handling a six-pound brass gun, which he left there to watch the enemy in town and protect the camp.

By this time the fog had cleared away. Moving a short distance down the lane leading from the fair grounds to the river, he halted his men and returned to give our captain his final instructions. While thus engaged his attention was called to an officer coming from the direction of the town bearing a flag of truce, who had been halted by our pickets. He motioned to him to



BOYS, DOES MY ANSWER SUIT YOU

advance, and went forward a few paces

After a short conversation between them he returned to us accompanied by the officer, and addressed as as follows: "Boys, this officer comes with a flag of truce from Lieut,-Col, Martin, who, with 800 'guerrillas,' has possession of the town, and demands of me an unconditional surrender of my command and all the government property in my possession. I want you to hear my an-

Then turning to the officer, and with s wave of the hand pointing toward the ground he said: "Never, till the last man of us is laid low in the dust."

Then facing toward us he inquired:

"Boys, does my answer suit you?" We were raw recruits and this was our first taste of war and our first gight of an armed foe, but such was the confidence inspired in us by the heraic conduct of our gallant little command er that we were ready to follow anywhere that he would lead; so there was but one thing to do and that was to re-

spond with three hearty cheers. Though nearly 37 years have passed this impressive scene has never laded from my memory. It remains there as fresh as though the occurrence were but yesterday. The confident, fearless manner of our colonel, the firm voice with which he addressed the officer, and the soft, sweet tone which characterised his words in speaking to us, still | land Plain Deales.

inger as distinctly as ween they were

The truce officer blinself seemed to be very much affected by the scene, and was evidently very favorably impressed. as he replied:

"Colonel, I have the greatest respecfor you and your brave men." And with a parting salute he turned his horse and ode back to the town to deliver his message.

The colonel, after completing his intructions to our captain, rejoined his command in the lane, moved down to the river, thence down the river road a short distance, over the fence into a cornfield, where he met the enemy, and n the skirmish which ensued he was hour from the time the above described scene was enacted his lifeless body was brought back to camp on a stretcher. His remains were taken in charge by his brother-in-law and interred at Evansville, Ind. Twenty years ofterward, on Memorial day, May 30, 1882, a few of us were permitted to assemble around his grave in Oak Hill cemetery, and with tearful eyes and sad hearts resting place our floral offerings as a slight testimonial of our affection for our beloved colonel. I know of no commander who deserved or enjoyed the confidence and love of his men Frenchman,-C. B. Mitchell, in National Tribune

SKYLARKING.

A Funny Boxing Bout Between Two Decorated Union Officers.

Gen. Sherman's campaign from Chatanooga to Atlanta, if not the severest of the war, was 100 days and nights of continuous marching, digging and fighting, with tension of men and offiers never relaxed until the auspicious night when the heavy booming of exploding ammanition told that the enemy were evacuating the latter city. When the union army occupied the confederate defenses of the Gate City



One night a number of officers hap-pened to meet at the quarters of the and the ships were date and become rotten and the ships were date and appearons to their the freedom of social intercourse two however, appreciate the sentimental fireplace in which wood had been consumed for generations, and his second accidentally got some of the abundant soot of the fireplace on his This at once suggested to him the idea of marking his principal somewhat after the style of an Indian in war paint. This idea he carried out under pretense of sponging off his man. When the combatants again faced each other the man with clean face was almost compelled to throw up the spenge because of his laughter at his opponent's appearance, though he knew not how it happened. It was soon suggested by the seconds that the men change positions so as to give each an equal chauce. This was done, and the other second proceeded to sponge off his man, so that when they faced each other again they were both equally decorated. It was then the turn of the man first decorated to "die with laughter" at his opponent, for both were their faces, each deeming his opponent the only subject of laughter. they appeared to be "winded" and the referes declared it a "draw."

"What's the matter with your face?" with a smile, as they shook hands "What's the matter with yours?" was the reply, with a grin equally broad. A looking-glass was brought, and when they viewed themselves they acknowle edged with common consent and per feet good nature that the laugh had been on both of them.-Chicago Trib-

In Senson.

As a well-known London elergyman church, an old lady requested his help, With his usual courtly grace he gave the top step she balted, breathlessly, and asked him who was to preach.

"Rev. Mr. - ," he replied, giving his own name. "Oh, dear." exclaimed the lady, "help

me down again! I'd rather listen to the than Elliot. endless grinding of a windmill. Help me down again. I'll not go in." The minister smiled and gently as

sisted her down, remarking as he parted with her: "I wouldn't go in either if weren't the preacher." - London

Not an Exception.

Mrs. Gray-I know it. If all children. ow, were like my little George, it would not be so strange.—Tit-Bits.

He Tanoght He Knew

"I guess, my man, you don't understand the nature of an oath." "Don't ch? Why, I druv a team of army mules fer tour months."-Lieve

An Incident in the Career of the First Popular Dewey.

He Sawed President Jackson's Cranium from the Figurehead of the Glorious Frigate Constitution.

very few people know that Capt. Sam-W. Dewey has gone to his instantly killed, and in less than an long home. Admiral George Dewey is coming to his own country to be received by the plaudits of upwards of 70,000,000 of patriotic people. Capt. Samuel W. Dewey has gone beyond the pale of life, to that land where all distinctions are leveled, and the shepherd's

crook is laid beside the scepter. You probably never heard of Capt. Dewey before, although you have read many columns about Admiral Dewey. to place upon the mound above his last | They were second cousins, Capt. Dewey was 93 years of age, when he recently died in Philadelphia. He was as strong and robust as any average man of 50, and he was well known in the national expital and all along the Atlantic coast. greater degree than did this noble little | Indeed there was a time when his name was in all of the newspapers. It is an interesting story,
The old frigate Constitution was

revered by our people. Political conditions were such that many people resented every deed done which would change any part of the old sea fighter. But during her remodeling the figurehead of Andrew Jackson was placed upon her bow. What a storm of political indignation arose over that little circumstance! There is where Capt. Samuel W. Dewey comes into the

1830. That is a long way back in the past, isn't it? But to understand the story of Capt, Dewey we must go back to that almost 70 years ago, for then it was that Capt. Dewey was in his prime physically, as well as mentally. He was the embodiment of virility in every thought and action.

He is the man who cut the figurehead of Andrew Jackson from the prow of the frigate Constitution, and that deed made him famous with the whigs and notorious with the federalists; so that politicians, big and little, of both parties throughout the country discussed on every stump in the following campaigns.

It was a deed which on one hand se the whigs wild with delight and made the federalists, who just at this time were beginning to call themselves by the new and popular title of Jeffersonian democrats, equally wild with anger. Nothing at the time demonstrated more clearly the popularity of Jackson, and to this generation, and a matter of history even to the generation before, has a peculiar interest.

To understand the story completely it is necessary to go back at least to the year 1830. Then a report appeared COULDN'T FIGHT, HE LAUGHED SO, in the Boston Advertiser that the na val authorities had decided to destroy both officers and men felt like boys the Constitution, together with a numout of school and acted accordingly. ber of other old ships of the war of and the ships were dangerous to their commander of one of the batteries. In crews. Little did the naval authorities, young officers, who were great chums, glamour which hung around the Conbegan skylarking together. Their an- stitution; and when, two days after the suggested that they have a mock prize then 21 years old, flung the poem of



CAPT. SAMUEL W. DEWEY.

popular chord full and strong, the ship as it afterward appeared, was saved utterly unconscious of what was on No one could help thrilling with indignation at those lines:

"The harples of the shore shall pluck and the navy department acquiesced to the popular demand. It was some aid one of the combatants to the other, in order to keep affort the Constitution at all the ship would have to be re-Accordingly she was docked at Charlestown, in the first dry dock erected in the country, and rebuilt on ber own lines. Only the keel and keel-

son of the old ship remained. The commandant of the navy yard was then Commodore Elliot, and ardent federalist and a great admirer of Jack-In the rebuilding, therefore, the former figurehead of the Constitution as recently ascending the steps to his one of an allegorical character, was replaced by one modeled in likeness to President Jackson. This was done in the old woman his arm. On reaching spite of a vehement protest by Commodore Hull, who had charge of the undocking, but who was powerless before the approval of the change by Mahlon as good a federalist, if not a better,

As soon, however, as the public knew of the change, which was as soon as the new Constitution was launched in 1834. there was almost as loud a protest as that in 1830 upon the report of the in-Feeling ran especially high in New Engcontemptuousaction of Commodore El- matter. Mr. Greene-Funny how mothers will list in anchoring the Constitution in believe that their own children are so Charlestown harbor, with the nose of

from the Charlestown bridge. However gallant and brave an officer Elliot was - and his gallantry and bravery have never been successfully questioned - he was no diplomat Everyone in Boston knew that the universal position of anchored ships was locks. polating northeast, on account of the northeast winds. The Columbus and

HERO OF THE WHIGS ary way, bore mute testimony to this well-known fact, and higher and higher ran the feeling of the Middlesex their political faith. It was, too, a dan- ing her any attention at all." liefs, for the romantic revival was still married her."-Boston Traveler.

> spring of action. the fancied insult. Consulting but one continuous, to steal out with a small ter. saw in one of the boats belonging to A Question of Policy.-There is one "Billy" White, who then kept a num- thing that you ought to remember, the black hulk of the Constitution. Courier. Gliding up to the side of the vessel, he stopped near the war ropes amidships, at the races every day?" Block-"A and, securing his boat, nimbly climbed friend of mine who knows all about the up on the ship's deck. There was no him to shelter, and Capt. Dewey safely reached the "shelter boards," which it."-Chicago Daily News. had been placed under the sprit the day before. There was still danger in the execution of the plan, for the Co-



SAWING OFF THE FIGUREHEAD urchead as a precaution against any

such attempt. Capt, Dewey; and his name was uttered Dewey could still, by reaching out and same time a new and larger class of for this reason the affair, not known purpose. Then, after surmounting the ling statements concerning the popularway through mud to the shore, the cyclists club. adventuresome sailor reached land in

safety. ties were so amusing that some one announcement, Oliver Wendell Holmes. Capt. Dewey decided for some reason demands, by means of the cycle. The fight. This was at once accepted, two "Old 'ronsides" to the world, and with the head to Jackson himself, and, accepted two world in the modern

two months tried to see the president.

who was an artillery captain, and he received the sailor cordially. To him Dewey told the story, and Van Buren enjoyed the joke of it most cordially. He advised Dewey to take the figurehead of Jackson and give it to the secretary of the navy. On this advice Dewey acted, but Secretary Dickinson did not regard the matter as a joke. On the contrary he was angry and threatened to have Dewey arrested.

But Dewey quietly said: "You can have me arrested on no Middlesex jury would give me damages,

and applause, too." That settled it. Dewey was not arrested. The figurehead was accepted and remained in the Dickinson family. It is now in Brooklyn. Capt. Dewey became known throughout the entire country as "the figurehead man." He was banqueted by whigs in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and wherever he went. And now he has gone beyond the vale. He was the first popular Dewey in America. SMITH D. FRY.

A RED-HAIRED CLUB.

Ladles and Gentlemen of Trenton, N. J., of Auburn Locks Organize a Society All of Their Own.

tended destruction of the old ship. the color of their hair was a misfortune, kim. and they lived out their lives more or The idea that the mere introduction

come when they mean to hold up their airtight, it would take several gallons much better than anybody clse's child the ship facing west and not 25 feet heads, red hair and all, proudly in the of either anaesthetic so to fill a room

community. prettiest members of the club will be placed on view, to prove to the com- Sun, munity the artistic qualities of their

At the first meeting of the club a joint debate will take place on "The the Independence, two other warships. Lie About the Unpopularity of the anchored in the harbor in the custom-

ounty men against the daily insult to tion to your daughter?" "He isn't paygerous time to trifle with men's be- deed! Did she jilt him?" "No; he

> man on earth." Jones-"Then, why He Knew One Was Needed,-"Good

ber of skiffs and sailboats near the Remus, and that is that honesty is the Charlestown bridge. Muffling his oars best policy." "I done year folkes say with pieces of old shirts, he rowed that befo', suh, but fo' merself I'd radquietly out into the shadow thrown by der play de udder kine." - Boston Flower-"How do you manage to win

game picks a winner for me in each sentinel outside, the rain had driven race." Flower-"And you bet on his him to shelter, and Capt. Dewey safely choice, ch?" Block-"No; I bet against Why He Objected.-"What's the matter?" asked the congressman of his

ary is satisfactory, isn't it?" "Oh, yes; the salary's all right; but, hang it all, they expect me to earn it!"-Chicago Evening Post. Teacher-"Tommy, I hear that you

nd Willy were fighting yesterday. Don't you know your little hands were never made to tear each other's eyes?" Tommy-"How could we tear other's eyes with gloves on. I'd like to know. Why, Miss Meek, you don't seem to know the first thing about the rules of the ring."-Boston Transcript.

THE USEFUL BICYCLE.

manent Place in the Social

ountry that bicycling is diminishing rather than increasing, but it is doubtful if the number of bicycles in actual use is not larger to-day than ever be-Independence were thrown on the fig- fore. There has been a shifting in the classes of people who use them. Many who took up the exercise as a "fad," or Lying down, however, on his back, because of its novelty, have abandoned hidden by the shelter boards. Capt. it for golf or other sport; but at the up with one hand, reach the neck of the | riders, induced mainly by the advent of figure with his saw. In this cramped the cheap bicycle, has arisen, to more position he worked three hours on the than make good the deficiency. So it sticky southern pine, and finally got is the world over, apparently, for at a the head off, not the entire head, for a recent international cyclists' congress huge collar of the old fashion reached in London 13 different nations were repwell up on the back of the Jackson resented, and their deliberations were head, and the portion sawed off was on | considered of sufficient importance to a plane with the mouth and ears. This entitle them to a leading article in the was, however, enough for the intended | London Times, in which many interestdifficulties of the return, such as find- ity and social influence of the bicycle ing his boat nearly full of water and the were made among them that about tide so low that he had to wade quite a | 100 members of parliament belong to a

In its reflections on the subject the Times called attention to the share One can now but faintly imagine the which the cyclist is to have in the work remendous cry which went up on the of the world as well as in its amusediscovery of the disfigurement. Whigs ments, saying: "The fact that almost howled with delight. Middlesex was every one can at small cost travel three wild with joy, but from the navy department in Washington came a storm fore is already producing great indusof vindictive protest. Try as the au- trial changes, and others must follow, thorities would, however, no trace was in town and elsewhere. The country found of the man who did the deed. doctor begins to make his rounds, the Excitement had not yet subsided when rector his visits, the tax gatherer his that it would be a good thing to present tradesman takes his orders and exeseconds were chosen, and the farce beginning: "Aye, tear gan. It so happened that the position her tattered ensign down," struck the it. In Philadelphia he met Wiley P. mainstay of many a country house. Mangum and John Tyler, who had been The clerk or workman reaches his appointed by the president to investi- suburban house, except in bad weather, gate the affairs of the United States on wheels. Not a few things go more bank. He knew them both, and the smoothly now that they go on wheels. story was too good to keep; so he told We are only at the beginning of considthem. Continuing then to Washington, erable economic and social changes, all he arrived there in February, and for ascribable to the ubiquitous 'safety,' which has already done more for the President Jackson was seriously ill workingman since its introduction with hemorrhages of the lungs, and than legislation and philanthropy could not see Dewey. Vice President combined during the same period. It Van Buren had known Dewey's father, is hard to say where its influence ends." -N. Y. Post

NEVER USE CHLOROFORM.

Burglars Do Not Administer the Drug During Their Predatory Incursions. That burglars of the more advanced type can and do use chloroform in the

commission of their crimes is a belief widely held and rarely contradicted. and yet there is, curiously, little foundation for it. Indeed, those who are charge save that of trespass, and I most familiar with the administration should be tried in Middlesex county, and effects of anaesthetics assert that where the offense was committed. Any there is no foundation at all for it except in the imagination of sensational writers and in the needs of people whose losses cannot safety be explained by statements of fact. The question has been raised recently by several robperies in which chloroform is said to have been employed, and opinions of the local experts are strongly against the possibility of such use. One physician in speaking of the matter said recently: "As far as known, chloroform and

ether have never taken effect on a healthy sleeping person without that person knowing it. Both of these anaesthetics are at first stimulating and invigorating in their effect and will arouse a sleeping person. The entire system excited and the heart beats violently A club of "red-headed ladies and gen- and fast. The use of either chloroform tlemen" has been formed at Trenton, or ether or any other anaesthetic by Dickinson, secretary of the navy, and N. J. It is called the Cerise club, cerise burglars is absurd. It frequently takes being the French for cherry, and cher- physicians, with their various appliry being the tint that the members con- ances, from ten to fifteen minutes to sidered most beautiful for the locks. put a person under the influence of Thomas Holmes, the originator of the either of these anaesthetics, and often club, says that for a long time the red- a patient will become so stimulated and haired people of Trenton have lacked active before the effect is secured that cohesion. They tacitly admitted that it requires several strong men to hold

land and was increased in force by the less in solitude, worrying about the of chloroform into a room would cause unconsciousness was derided as ab-But Mr. Holmes says the time has surd. Even if doors and windows were with the heavy fumes as to affect a They will begin, they declare, with a sweeper on a bed of average height, red-haired beauty show, at which the And the first effect would be not deep sleep, but excited wakefulness,-N. Y.

Pale by Contrast. Ella-Fred is terribly green. Stella-Green! He's so green that he makes grass look pale when he stands

on it .- N. Y. World.

HUMOROUS.

* Is Mr. Goodheart still paying attea-

at high tide and ideals were the main-Smith-"i am the most reasonable It was under these circumstances do you always insist on having your that Capt. Dewey, then a hardy young own way?" Smith-"Because it's the sailor of 28 years, determined to avenge | most reasonable one."-N. Y. World. [Special Washington Letter.]

Everybody knows that Admiral Scorge Dewey is coming home; but night, when the rain beat in torrents plano." "My plano! I did not order a night, when the rain beat in torrents plano tuner." "No, but the gentleman and the lightning and thought." and the lightning and thunder were across the way did."-Fliegende Blact-

constituent. "I got you a government job, didn't I?" "Yes." "And the sal-

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